

December 7, 2004  
Regular Meeting

Minutes

Members present

D.C. Swaim- Chairman  
Roger Evans- Vice- Chairman  
Kim Clark Phillips- Commissioner  
Allen Sneed- Commissioner  
Brady Wooten- Commissioner

Others Present

Cecil E. Wood- County Manager

Closed Session

**\*Commissioner Wooten made the motion to go in Closed Session per G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6). Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

**\*Commissioner Evans made the motion to come out of closed session. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

**5-D**

The Board discussed the Grady Draughn property in regards to leasing or purchasing the property.

**Sheriff-maintenance**

It was the consensus of the Board to allow the Sheriff to proceed with the paving of the parking lot based on the bid submitted by Carl Rose & Sons with the clarifications involving the drainage and preparation procedures as discussed by the Board.

**Commissioner comments**

Commissioner Wooten had several questions concerning the operation of county government.

Commissioner Wooten questioned county vehicle usage and who drives the vehicles home.

Commissioner Wooten presented financial questions which require more information.

Mr. Wood stated he would research and get the information Commissioner Wooten is requesting.

Commissioner Wooten commented on the county's tax collection process and inquired if it might be possible to obtain additional information each month on the collection procedures. Commissioner Wooten is interested in receiving a report, which lists the top delinquent taxpayers from a dollar standpoint and what actions have been taken during the previous month in regards to the collection efforts on those accounts. He suggested adding five new names each month. He also inquired about foreclosure procedures and if the procedures could be expedited. It was also discussed placing a lien and/or seizing the vehicle to sell for taxes owed. He questioned what the county would need to do to implement this process and what arrangements could be made to store the vehicles.

Commissioner Phillips inquired about a work session to establish a vision for this Board that would help guide policy over this Board's tenure.

**\*Commissioner Phillips made the motion to limit smoking in the county office building and courthouse. Commissioner Wooten seconded.**

The Board discussed the motion and determined the sign should read No Smoking-Please. **The Board voted 5-0.**

### **Adjournment**

**\*Commissioner Wooten made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

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Melinda Vestal, Clerk to the Board